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nothing concealed. BECKER was pretty sure everyone knew that the money was coming from Hong Kong by wire.

BECKER could not recall who sent the letter on September 23, 1994, stating the regulation about foreigners contributing money. He thought [redacted] Commerce Consultants International (CCI), could have sent the letter. b6 b7C

BECKER never went into detail with [redacted] or [redacted] about [redacted] or [redacted] Hong Kong.

BECKER stated he had no reason to believe a letter dated September 9, 1994, from [redacted] to [redacted] was never delivered. BECKER stated sometimes [redacted] would have his correspondence go to [redacted] and then [redacted] would hand carry it to [redacted] BECKER remembered [redacted] saying [redacted] received a letter and from your client who has committed to the loan. BECKER's response was that's news to me, I'll call [redacted] b6 b7C

[redacted] CCI did not go into the office with [redacted] to deliver the letter to [redacted] The reason [redacted] went to meeting with [redacted] was to deliver the letter. b6 b7C

When [redacted] ran for [redacted] of the RNC replacing [redacted], BECKER told [redacted] that was good because maybe they would get their money back.

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BENTON BECKER, 1491 Lacosta Drive, Pembrooke, Florida, was advised of the identities of the interviewing agents. Participating in the interview was [redacted] Trial Attorney, Public Integrity Section, Department of Justice. BECKER was advised of the purpose of the interview. BECKER then provided the following information. b6 b7C

BECKER did not recall being introduced to [redacted] Baker & Hostetler on a phone call with [redacted] NATIONAL POLICY FORUM (NPF). BECKER may have seen [redacted] at the closing of the loan for NPF. The meeting would have been at the office of [redacted] REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE (RNC). BECKER did not remember discussing the Baker and Hostetler opinion letter at the loan closing or with [redacted] b6 b7C

On October 6, 1996, BECKER asked [redacted] for an opinion to the legality of the loan transaction to NPF. [redacted] assured BECKER that the transaction was legal and that an opinion letter was not necessary. BECKER assumed an opinion letter would be one that would affirm [redacted] position. The opinion letter came through [redacted] with other documents. [redacted] never asked BECKER what he thought about the letter. BECKER stated that the letter was fine and the he took the opinion letter as a broad disclaimer. b6 b7C

BECKER never thought citizenship ever came up while talking to [redacted] BECKER thought [redacted] asked him questions like how long have you known [redacted] BECKER thinks he told [redacted] that [redacted] runs a company called [redacted] which sells airplane parts abroad in Hong Kong and that he represented [redacted] BECKER also would have told [redacted] that he represented U.S. manufacturers abroad. BECKER and [redacted] talked a lot over the phone. b6 b7C

BECKER entered the loan process between [redacted] and NPF after [redacted] spoke with [redacted] and [redacted] spoke with [redacted] BECKER stated their people knew our people and there was b6 b7C

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